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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN-US CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT

1. GENERAL RAICAN, DIR GEN OF CIVIL AVIATION, HAS REQUESTED TO SEE E/C COUNSELOR ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS PLANNED PANAM THIRD FREQUENCY AND "NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING AVIATION AGREEMENT".
2. THIRD FREQUENCY. ROMANIANS HAVE EXPRESSED SOME UNHAPPINESS OVER PANAM'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO OPERATE THREE FREQUENCIES BEGINNING MAY 24. INITIALLY TAROM TOOK POSITION THAT PANAM WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ADD ANOTHER FREQUENCY BUT APPARENTLY RELENTED OVER MONTH AGO WHEN LOCAL PANAM REP POINTED OUT THAT AIR AGREEMENT CONTAINED NO LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF WEEKLY FLIGHTS PAN COULD OPERATE. SIGN THAT THIS MATTER SMLL RANKLES, HOWEVER, WAS MANIFESTED IN DEMARCHE LAST WEEK TO ACTING PANAM REP (A ROMANIAN) THAT PANAM WAS UNDERCUTTING TAROM IN GERMAN MARKET, FACT WHICH WOULD BE EXACERBATED BY THIRD FREQUENCY.
3. NEGOTIATIONS. WE ASSUME THAT REFERENCE TO "NEGOTIATIONS" RELATES IN FACT TO REQUIREMENT IN SIDE LETTER FOR CONSULTATIONS TO BE INITIATED BY OCTOBER 31.:1976.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION BY COB MAY 12 THAT PANAM THIRD FREQUENCY CONSIDERED WITH TERMS AND SPIRIT OF BILATERAL. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TENTATIVE WASHINGTON THINKING ABOUT TIMING OF CONSULTATIONS.

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